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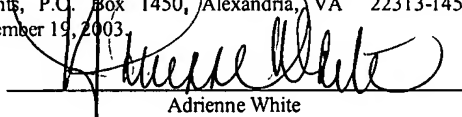
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Examiner : Mark J. Beauchaine
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Reply to the Office Action Dated August 27, 2003, for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants have attached a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time.

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The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	82	97	0 x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$ 0
Independent	13	20	0 x	\$ 43 = \$	\$ 86 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 145 = \$	\$ 290 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0.00

A check is attached includes fees for the One-Month Extension of Time and submission of the Seventh Information Disclosure Statement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required (except the issue fee) while this application is pending, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47171-00262USC2). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 27, 2003

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was November 30, 2003. The Applicants are enclosing herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the due date to and including December 30, 2003. In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks:

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.

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